

**Table 2.38-- CHARACTERISTICS OF MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES:
1997 TO 2000**

[Place of occurrence basis]

Subject	1997	1998	1999	2000
MARRIAGES				
Number	19,901	20,974	23,067	25,376
Percent on Oahu	46.5	45.7	44.4	42.7
Percent Hawaii residents:				
Both bride and groom	41.3	38.2	36.7	33.3
One partner only	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.0
Neither bride nor groom	55.5	58.3	60.0	63.7
Not reported 1/	-	-	-	<0.1
Median age (years):				
Groom	32	33	33	33
Bride	30	30	30	30
Percent previously married:				
Groom	39.1	38.8	39.0	38.0
Bride	39.8	39.5	39.6	38.7
DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS				
Number	4,877	4,919	4,620	4,716
Divorces	4,858	4,899	4,611	4,704
Annulments	17	17	5	12
Not reported	2	3	4	-
Percent occurring on Oahu	74.3	73.9	72.7	74.0
Percent Hawaii residents:				
Both partners	75.7	74.3	74.7	75.5
One partner only	23.4	24.4	23.6	22.8
Neither partner	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Not reported 1/	0.8	1.3	1.7	1.7
Median age (years):				
Husband	37	37	38	38
Wife	34	35	36	36
Percent interracial 2/	43.2	42.4	43.7	45.1
Percent with children under 18 years	50.1	49.5	51.8	51.1
Median years married	6.7	6.8	7.2	7.4

1/ Couples where the residence of one or more partners is unknown.

2/ For these calculations, divorces where both bride and groom are in the "Part Hawaiian" or "Other races" categories are classified as non-interracial.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Health, *Statistical Report* (annual), and records.